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In re the application of:

JEREMY S. LEE *et al.*

Application No.: 10/061,979

Filed: January 31, 2002

For: BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE
METAL-CONTAINING NUCLEIC
ACIDS

Examiner: M. Marvich

Art Unit: 1636

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2003,
which set forth the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 18-22 drawn to a method of producing an immune response in an animal and comprising administering a metal-containing nucleic acid duplex, classified in class 514, subclass 44; and
- II. Claims 1 and 5-14 and 16-22 drawn to a method of producing an antisense response in an animal comprising administering a metal-containing nucleic acid duplex.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4, 6-15 and 18-22. The basis for the restriction, however, is not well understood. The Examiner indicated that Group I is the method

of administering a metal-containing nucleic acid duplex for the purpose of detecting (producing) an immune response, and that Group II involves detecting (producing) an antisense response. Yet, only claim 5 recites that the physiological response is an antisense response. If anything, claim 5 could form the basis for Group II. Moreover, claims 16 and 17 refer specifically to immune responses, yet have been included in Group II, even though an immune response is the basis for formulating Group I.

Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner considers Claims 1 and 14 to be linking claims. Thus, Applicants request that upon allowance of the linking claims the restriction will be withdrawn and the other claims will be examined, as stated by the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or related application to the claims of the non-elected group.

If a telephone conference would expedite this matter, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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